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Classified By: A/ECPO Counselor Yael Lempert for reason 1.4 (b).

[1](#)1. (C) MFA Deputy Director for Disarmament Ahmed El-Shandawily told us May 18 that Egypt was "disappointed" with the outcome of the April 28-May 9 Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty (NPT) PrepCom in Geneva because the GOE believes the PrepCom did not make sufficient progress toward implementing the 1995 NPT Review Conference (RevCon) Resolution on the Middle East. El-Shandawily said that the PrepCom resulted in "nothing constructive," and described the dynamics as "negative," consisting of official statements without discussion or dialogue. He said that in two weeks of sessions, the PrepCom should have done more than issue statements, and that there will be "too much pressure" on the 2009 PrepCom to make recommendations for the 2010 RevCon. We responded that the U.S. saw the 2008 PrepCom as an opportunity for countries to air their views, and that the 2009 PrepCom will work on recommendations more than a year ahead of the 2010 RevCon.

[1](#)2. (C) El-Shandawily said that in the wake of the PrepCom, the GOE has concluded that implementing the Middle East Resolution is not a priority for the P-5. He said that during Egypt's meeting at the PrepCom with the P-5, "even Russia and China were coming up with reasons not to implement the Middle East Resolution." He said the P-5 did not even "pay lip service" to discussing Israel's nuclear program or implementing the Middle East Resolution. El-Shandawily said that "this atmosphere" at the PrepCom has reinforced Egypt's policy not to sign the IAEA Additional Protocol.
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